REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The following remarks are responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed June 1, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims

The term "bus" has been replaced with the term "interconnect" throughout the claims. Several other corrections in wording and grammar have also been made, including substituting the word "independent" for the term "regardless" in the independent claims. The phrase in the allowed claims "...in a manner regardless of..." is not grammatically cohesive. Accordingly, the term "independent" has been used in place of "regardless" to improve the grammatical consistency of the phrase.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in order for allowance, as the scope of the claims has not been modified from that of the allowed claims.

If there are additional fees due, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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